

SVRS Workstations and “other applications”

There have been many questions raised by the County Election Officials and respective IT staff regarding the use of the SVRS workstations to house and run other applications (i.e., payroll and time-keeping systems). This communication clarifies the responsibilities of the State, the counties, and the ElectionNet vendor in this regard.

The SVRS workstations are configured with Windows XP, Office 2003, and all the "drivers" necessary to run the SVRS application. If the county staff require additional applications on these workstations, the county IT department is responsible for adding the application. There is a separate administrative login, available to the county's IT staff, that must be used to add new programs to the PC.

It is also the responsibility of the county IT department to ensure that added applications **do not interfere with the normal operation of the SVRS**. Neither the State nor the ElectionNet vendor will be responsible for testing such “3rd-party” applications for compatibility with the SVRS.

The following suggestions are presented to the County IT staff when testing compatibility of a 3rd-party application:

- Use only one workstation for the test. Make certain there is no interference, before adding your application to other workstations
- Add the application to the PC and configure the new program as needed
- Test all installed applications to ensure proper operation of each one
- In the event an application becomes inoperative, remove the added application(s) in reverse order, until all applications are again working properly. Please note that some common components cannot be removed without re-imaging the hard drive.

In the event the added application interferes with the SVRS' operations, the county will incur the cost of re-imaging the workstation's hard drive to restore the SVRS functionality.

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